

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. The Applicants submitted Claims 27-66 in the application, which are currently pending in the application.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected Claims 27-66 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-54 U.S. Patent No. 5,920,475. The Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection under obviousness-type double patenting.

Conclusion

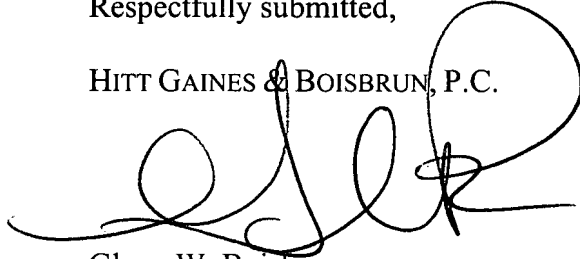
In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 27-66.

It is not believed that any fees are due for this communication, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any possible fees connected with this communication to Deposit Account No. 12-2325.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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